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The Elders  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
420 West Erwin  
Tyler, Texas

Dear Brethren:

The Elders of the Highland church have asked me to reply to your letter of March 13. I deeply respect your convictions and appreciate your taking the time to register your reactions to what our Subcommittee on Administration of Justice-Law Enforcement of the Governor's Committee on Human Relations reported as a result of recent hearings in Austin.

The enclosed report is a verbatim copy of the Subcommittee's findings and recommendations to the Governor's Committee. We listened to more than ten hours of intensive hearings, during which time fourteen substantial witnesses appeared before our Subcommittee. I am convinced that when all of you read carefully the report presented by me as chairman, you will see what we have called for are the very things about which you express deep concern in your letter.

Our remarks regarding the number of minority officers serving in Law Enforcement in Texas was not a misrepresentation of the truth, as our report shows. We do appreciate the great difficulty in recruiting any minority officers, and the current disrespect of law enforcement officers is one of the very great concerns of our Subcommittee.

I deeply regret that you believe that my influence has been hurt "among many of our people." Of course, as you also know so well, my ultimate question must be what is right and true versus what will be good for my own influence.

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I can appreciate your respect for Captain Glen Warner. There are many such dedicated men serving in thousands of law enforcement capacities in the state of Texas. It is to the ultimate goal of greater respect on the part of all citizens of our state for all law enforcement that this Subcommittee is working. Your prayers and continued concern for what the Governor's Committee on Human Relations is attempting to do will be deeply appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

John Allen Chalk'

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Enclosure